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☒ This application has been examined.

☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____

☐ This action is made final.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) _____ DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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PART I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892.
2. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
3. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152
4. ☐

PART II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.
   Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.
3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
4. ☒ Claims 1-25 are rejected.
5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
6. ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☐ The formal drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
8. ☐ The drawing correction request filed on _____ has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved.
9. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application, Serial No. _____ filed on _____
10. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
11. ☐ Other

FORM PTO 46-59
(5-77) Formerly PTO-1142

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PART III

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GROUP ART UNIT 125

NOTIFICATION OF REJECTION(S) AND/OR OBJECTION(S) (35 USC 132)

	CLAIMS (1)	REASONS FOR REJECTION (2)	REFERENCES * (3)	INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION AND COMMENTS (4)
1	1-25	35 USC 103	R v S	R teaches the treatment of hypertension by administration of a composition comprising an angiotension-converting-enzyme inhibitor; specifically SQ 20,881, and a diuretic; specifically fruesemide (also known as furosemide). The diuretic was administered in a dosage of 2mg/kg/day. To substitute any of the claimed proline derivatives for the SQ 20,881 of R would be obvious in view of S's teaching of the claimed proline derivatives as angiotension-converting-enzyme inhibitors, and in view of S's teaching of the equivalence in activity between the prolines (such as SQ 14,225) and SQ 20,881; note page 443, col. 2, lines 14-23. Determination of the diuretic to use (cont. #5, infra.)
2				
3	1 & 4-8	35 USC 112, para. 2	X	The lack of proportions in these claims renders claims indefinite.
4				

5 with the proline derivative is deemed to be within the skill of the art.

6 Refernces A-C and T-U are cited to show the state of the art.

* Capital letters representing references are identified on accompanying Form PTO 46-42. (Formerly PTO-892)
The symbol "v" between letters represents - in view of -.
The symbol "+" or "&" between letters represents - and -.
A slash "/" between letters represents the alternative - or -.

NOTE: Sections 100, 101, 102, 103, and 112 of the Patent Statute (Title 35 of the United States Code) are reproduced on the back of this sheet.

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35 U.S.C. 100. Definitions. When used in this title unless the context otherwise indicates —

(a) The term "invention" means invention or discovery.
(b) The term "process" means process, art or method, and includes a new use of a known process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter, or material.
(c) The terms "United States" and "this country" mean the United States of America, its territories and possessions.
(d) The word "patentee" includes not only the patentee to whom the patent was issued but also the successors in title to the patentee.

35 U.S.C. 101. Inventions patentable. Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

35 U.S.C. 102. Conditions for patentability; novelty and loss of right to patent. A person shall be entitled to a patent unless —

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication is this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States, or
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(d) the invention was first patented or cause to be patented by the applicant or his legal representatives or assigns in a foreign country prior to the date of the application for patent in this country on an application filed more than twelve months before the filing of the application in the United States, or
(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. A claim may be written in independent or dependent form, and if in dependent form, it shall be construed to include all the limitations of the claim incorporated by reference into the dependent claim.

An element in a claim for a combination may be expressed as a means or step for performing a specified function without the recital of structure, material, or acts in support thereof, and such claim shall be construed to cover the corresponding structure, material, or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof.